

not take final action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

COMMISSION ON SAFETY AND ABUSE IN AMERICA'S PRISONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Corrections and Rehabilitation held a hearing to examine the findings and recommendations of the Commission on Safety and Abuse in America's Prisons, which explored violence and abuse in America's prisons and jails and ways to make correctional facilities safer for prisoners and staff and more effective in promoting public safety and public health, receiving testimony from John J. Gibbons, Co-Chairman, Nicholas de B. Katzenbach, Co-Chairman, and Gary D. Maynard, Iowa Department of Corrections, and American Correctional Association, Marc H. Morial, National Urban League, and Pat Nolan, Prison Fellowship, and Justice Fellowship, all Commissioners, all of the Commission on Safety and Abuse in America's Prisons.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

VETERANS' BENEFITS LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine pending benefits related legislation, including related measures S. 2121, S. 2416, S. 2562, S. 2659, S. 2694, and S. 3363, after receiving testimony from Senators Burns and Pryor; Ronald R. Aument, Deputy Under Secretary for Benefits, and John H. Thompson, Deputy General Counsel, both of Department of Veterans Affairs; Donald L. Ivers, Alexandria, Virginia, former Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims; and Quentin Kinderman, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Richard F. Weidman, Vietnam Veterans of America, and Barton F. Stichman, National Veterans Legal Services Program, all of Washington, D.C.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 5553–5568; 4 private bills, H.R. 5569–5572; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 425 and H. Res. 856, were introduced. **Pages H3641–42**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3642–43**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5293, to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2007 through 2011, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–493); and Conference report on H.R. 4939, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, (H. Rept. 109–494). **Pages H3587–H3627, H3641**

Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2007: The House began consideration of H.R. 5522, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007. Further consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, Friday, June 9th.

Pages H3518–48

Agreed to limit the number of amendments made in order for debate and the time limit for debate on each amendment during further proceedings.

Pages H3546–47

Agreed to:

Lynch amendment to increase funding (by offset) by \$5 million for the State Department's program of nonproliferation, anti-terrorism, demining and related programs and activities; and **Page H3533**

Millender-McDonald amendment to increase funding for Bilateral Economic Assistance by \$2 million (by offset). **Pages H3532–34**

Rejected:

Obeys motion that sought to increase funding for International Disaster and Famine Assistance for Sudan by \$50 million and for the Department of State Global HIV/AIDS Initiative by \$50 million by offsetting funding for Egypt by \$100 million (by a recorded vote of 198 ayes to 225 noes, Roll No. 236). **Pages H3537–46, H3547–48**

Postponed proceedings:

Blumenauer amendment (No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of June 7th) increases funding for the Development Assistance account by \$250 million (by offset) to provide clean water and anti-poverty assistance. **Pages H3535–37**

H. Res. 851, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question without objection.

Pages H3502–06

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative DeLay wherein he resigned from the Committee on Appropriations, effective immediately.

Pages H3548–50

Communications Opportunity, Promotion, and Enhancement Act of 2006: The House passed H.R. 5252, to promote the deployment of broadband networks and services, by a yea-and-nay vote of 321 yeas to 101 nays, Roll No. 241.

Pages H3551–87

Rejected the Solis motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same forthwith to the House with amendments, by a yea-and-nay vote of 165 yeas to 256 nays, Roll No. 240, after ordering the previous question.

Pages H3583–86

Agreed to:

Barton Manager's amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 109–491) clarifies the following: (1) what constitutes a franchise area; (2) that a person or group seeking authority to provide service under a national franchise must agree to comply with all requirements the FCC promulgates pursuant to the consumer protection and customer service provisions in the bill; (3) that anyone with a national franchise shall be subject to all the cable operator provisions of Title VI of the Communications Act except for the ones specifically expected in the bill; and (4) that nothing in the legislation affects existing pole attachment law;

Pages H3569–70

Wynn amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 109–491) allows a franchising authority to issue an order requiring compliance with FCC revised consumer protection rules;

Pages H3571–73

Johnson, Eddie Bernice, of Texas, amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 109–491) increases discrimination penalty from \$500,000 to \$750,000 for a cable operator that denies access to cable service to residents because of the income of that group;

Pages H3573–74

Rush amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 109–491) sets forth a complaint process to resolve fee disputes between a local franchise authority and a cable operator. A franchise authority or a cable operator must provide written notice to each other if there is a dispute regarding franchise fees or PEG/I-Net support. Both parties must meet within 30 days of notification. If the local franchise authority and the cable operator have not resolved the dispute within 90 days then both parties can petition the FCC to resolve the complaint. The FCC has 90 days to resolve any fee disputes. The amendment provides

a 3-year limitation in bringing a complaint to the FCC regarding fee disputes;

Pages H3574–75

Gutknecht amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 109–491) preserves FCC authority to require VOIP providers to: (1) Contribute to the Federal universal service fund when they interconnect, either directly or indirectly, with incumbent local exchange carrier networks; and (2) Properly compensate network owners for the use of their network just as incumbent and competitive carriers do today; and

Pages H3581–82

Smith of Texas amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 109–491) clarifies that the language in section 201 (i.e. the new section 715(b)(3) of the Communications Act) that gives exclusive authority to the FCC to adjudicate complaints concerning network neutrality does not affect the applicability of the antitrust laws to cases involving network neutrality or the jurisdiction of the courts to hear such cases (by a recorded vote of 353 yeas to 68 nays, Roll No. 238).

Pages H3575–76, H3582–83

Rejected:

Markey amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 109–491) seeks to restore important non-discrimination requirements enforced by the Federal Communications Commission that from the inception of the Internet until August of 2005 were binding on telecommunications carriers. This amendment essentially has 3 parts: (1) provides a policy statement in addition to the general duties of broadband network providers; provides for preserved rights and exceptions to the general statutory duties in the first part; and provides an expedited complaint process and an anti-trust savings clause (by a recorded vote of 152 yeas to 269 nays, Roll No. 239).

Pages H3576–80, H3583

Withdrawn:

Jackson-Lee of Texas amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 109–491) reduces the fee paid to local franchise authorities for PEG/iNet support by women-owned, small businesses, and socially and economically disadvantaged firms from 1% to 0.5%.

Pages H3570–71

H. Res. 850, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 262 yeas to 151 nays, Roll No. 237, after agreeing to order the previous question.

Pages H3506–18, H3550–51

A point of order was raised against the consideration of H. Res. 850 and it was agreed to proceed with consideration of the resolution, by a yea-and-nay vote of 254 yeas to 166 nays, Roll No. 235.

Pages H3507–10

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H3499.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H3643.

Quorum Calls—Votes: 4 yea-and-nay votes and 3 recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3509–10, H3547–48, H3550–51, H3582–83, H3583, H3586, and H3586–87. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12 midnight.

Committee Meetings

IRANIAN THREAT ASSESSMENT

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on Assessing the Iranian Threat, Its Geopolitics, and U.S. Policy Options. Testimony was heard from Patrick Clawson, Deputy Director, Research, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy; and Ray Takeyh, Senior Fellow for Middle Eastern Studies, Council on Foreign Relations.

LINE ITEM VETO, CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES

Committee on the Budget: Continued hearings on the Line Item Veto, Constitutional Issues. Testimony was heard from Louis Fisher, Specialist at the Law Library, Library of Congress; and public witnesses

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health approved for full Committee action the following: S. 655, A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the National Foundation for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; the Community Health Center Reauthorization Act of 2006; the Children's Hospitals Graduate Medical Education Payment Program Reauthorization Act of 2006; and H.R. 4157, amended, Health Information Technology Promotion Act of 2005.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 5443, amended, Section 8 Voucher Reform Act of 2006; H.R. 5393, Natural Disaster Housing Reform Act of 2006; H.R. 5527, Mark-to-Market Extension Act of 2006; and H.R. 4804, amended, FHA Manufactured Housing Loan Modernization Act of 2006.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Government Reform: Ordered reported the following measures: H. Res. 826, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a National Youth Sports Week should be established; H.R. 1167, amended, To amend the Truth in Regulating Act to make permanent the pilot project for the report on rules; H.R. 4416,

To reauthorize permanently the use of penalty and franked mail in efforts relating to the location and recovery of missing children; H.R. 4809, Regulation in Plain Language Act of 2006; H.R. 5216, Preservation of Records of Servitude, Emancipation, and Post-Civil War Reconstruction Act of 2006; H.R. 5525, Reservists Pay Security Act of 2006; S. 959, amended, Star-Spangled Banner and War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission Act; H.R. 5169, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1310 Highway 64 NW, in Ramsey, Indiana, as the "Wilfred Edward 'Cousin Willie' Sieg, Sr. Post Office;" H.R. 5194, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8801 Sudley Road in Manassas, Virginia, as the "Harry J. Parrish Post Office Building;" H.R. 5224, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 350 Uinta Drive in Green River, Wyoming as the "Curt Gowdy Post Office Building;" H.R. 5426, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 326 South Main Street in Princeton, Illinois as the "Congressman Owen Lovejoy Post Office Building;" H.R. 5428, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 202 East Washington Street in Morris, Illinois, as the "Joshua A. Terando Princeton Post Office Building;" H.R. 5434, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 40 South Walnut Street in Chillicothe, Ohio, as the "Larry Cox Post Office;" H.R. 5504, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service at 6029 Broadmoor Street in Mission, Kansas, as the "Larry Winn, Jr. Post Office Building;" H.R. 5540, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 217 Southeast 2nd Street in Dimmitt, Texas, as the "Sgt. Jacob Dan Dones Post Office;" H. Res. 498, Supporting the goals and ideals of School Bus Safety Week; and S. 1445, A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 520 Colorado Avenue in Arriba, Colorado, as the "William H. Emery Post Office."

SECURITY OF PERSONAL INFORMATION AT FEDERAL AGENCIES

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled "Once More into the Data Breach: The Security of Personal Information at Federal Agencies." Testimony was heard from Clay Johnson III, Deputy Director, Management, OMB; R. James Nicholson, Secretary of Veterans Affairs; David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; William E. Gray, Deputy Commissioner, Systems, SSA; and Daniel Galik, Chief Mission Assurance and Security Services, IRS, Department of the Treasury.

OVERSIGHT—ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Committee on House Administration: Held a hearing entitled "Oversight Hearing on the Election Assistance Commission." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Election Assistance Commission: Paul S. DeGregorio, Chairman; Ray Martinez